CURRENT TOPICS.

LENT begins February 15. The latest dude cane is also a cigarette

John Sherman is said to be worth \$1,

Tun Pope is in receipt of 12,000 pairs of slippers.
WHITTIER can not abide the aroms o cabbage.
A single Puritan rose costs a dellar in

THE retail price of coal at Pasadena, Cal., is \$25 a ton. THE Chinese alone hold the secret of

The seventeen-months-old King of Spain gots \$1,000,000 a year. FLORIDA markets are supplied with new

toes of native growth. NORTHERN New York farmers propose o organizo an Albany lobby. A NEW YORK life insurance agent bas

an office in Jerusalem. A LARD trust is the latest. It ought to be Tue fund for the New York Grant Mon-

For the entire calendar year of 1887, the overnment debt was reduced \$117,016,000. As a popular resort for suicides the Brooklyn bridge is an unqualified suc-

A MAN mamed "Toogood" has been arrested in Baltimore for disorderly con-duct. Talwage dictates his sermons to his

It has been decided by the postmaster Turne are whole towns in Germany that

This time it is a piece of Zanadar, near

Somenory "unpatriotically" compares Maine sardines to pincushions seaked in had whale oil.

THE man who has the contract of clean-

eruisers in California.

the Indian has an alms house to go to, so ong will be be a pauper."

Tus President has determined that he will not appoint a delegate to the medical congress to be held at Lima, Peru.

HANGING is not a popular mode of death in the Empire State, and a change is recnded in the Governor's message. SON-IN-LAW WILSON has decided to quit Prance, and will hereafter reside in Scot-land, where he has purchased an estate. The fastest locomotives in this country are on the Pennsylvania railroad. It is

laimed they can go a mile in lifty-two sec-A Pergussions (Va.) patriarch seventy five years of age, is married to his eighth wife and is the happy father of thirty-six

Jone Williams, of New Garden, Pa., has a fine sheep whose woot made nineteen was appointed, and yards of cloth a yard wide. It makes a just been completed.

Tur Daily Hot Blast, of Anniston, Ala., has been sold. The man who got this paper will have to handle it with tongs, judging

Tuene is a mountain of coal in Wild Horse Valley, Wyoming, which has been burning for thirty years. It sends up dense volumes of smoke.

LITHOGRAPHIC stone is found in Dallas

Tex., fully equal to the stone imported from Europe. It costs from \$40 to \$55 for a stone 30x40 inches. A contest over a seat in the Maryland Legislature is going on between two men

who bear the striking names, respectively of Scaggs and Sussect.
C. P. HUNTINGTON, the railway magnate whose wealth is computed at \$50,001,000, once peddled out butter by the pound to the miners in California.

DONNA JUANA PARRAGA V. DEFUENZARIDA has just died in Rancagus, Chili, at the age of 120 years. She lived to see her great

great-great-grandchildren.

Oven five thousand acres of timber land near Hawkinsville, Ga., sold at anction re-

less than half a cent an acre.

There seems to be no limit to George W Child's benefactions. He has just sub-scribed \$2,500 for the erection of a memor-ial window to Milton in Westminster Ab-

of the old cathedral at St. Augustine, Fla. 200 years ago, the customary celebration of midnight mass on Christmas Eve was

ANDERSON BURRELL, a planter living near Montgomery, Ala., is the father of thirty-one children and the grandfather of sixty. He is sevenly-one years eld and has been married four times.

THE new paper shirts are very popula smong the newspaper men at Grand Rapids. One enthusiastic laborer on the Delig Fogte declares the shirts keep a fellow so warm he can souk his overcost in the wir

Tun young ladies of Hastings, Neb., me In conneil one day last week and passed resolutions declining to attend balls with the young men unless the latter should con-sent to recognize them when there is an

opera.

Pore Leo's appearance in the basilica of lit. Peter's a few days ago, was the first appearance of a Pope there since Victor Emmanuel entered Rosne in 1870 with ps to overrule the temporal authority

of the Pope.

An anti-tithe agitation in Wales is among An anti-tithe agitation in Wales is among An anti-title of the immediate future An anti-little agitation in wales is among the probabilities of the immodiate future with which the English Government will have to deal. This, with the home rule question, will give the conservatives considerable work to do to kee the reins of government well in hand.

Tun year 1888 opens anspiciously for this country, though Europe seems standing face to face with a great war. Our manufacturers are prosperous and goneral business is in the full tide of health. No part of the United States is suffering from BENATOR FAULKREE, of West Virginia when a boy of ten years, got lost is the mountains while hunting and wandered into a den of hears, where he succeeded in killing four of the animals with no other wangen than a single-barreted shotgun. The Beintor is regarded as the greatest hear hunter in the viste.

LOCKED UP AS MAD.

Villainous Scheme Which Incar cerates a gane Couple,

and Only by Legislative Investigation Ar They Enabled to Regain Their Liberty.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 4 .- A remarkable story has just been made public through the decision of the committee appointed by Governor Sawyer to investigate the circumstances connected with the case of Richard Woodham and wife, of this city, who have been confined in an insane asylum thirteen years, and whom the commissioner decided to be sane. The beginning of the trouble came about through a mortgage on a Tyler street house. A payment which was past due, and which had not been indorsed on the mortgage, Mrs. Woodham declared she had paid. The solder denied it. She stuck to her declaration, and would neither move nor pay, City Marshal Murdough, in the capacity of a deputy sheriff, evicted them from the house. They refused to remove the furni-ture, which the officers piled into the street. The police afterward took the goods to the City Hall, where they were stored on the bare ground in the basement until W. O. Clough was city marshal, when as they had grown moldy and worthless, he had them inventoried and destroyed. The Woodhams appeared before Police Institute Emergen but would fore Police Justice Emerson, but would fore Police Justice Emerson, but would not pay, persisting that the money had been paid and not put down on the mort-gage, and the matter was temporarily dropped. A little later the farm house of Colonel Emerson, on the Lowell road, was burned to the ground. His beautiful gran-the moneyeast in Hollis atreet Cemetery ite monument in Hollis street Cemeter; badly broken and covered tar a short time afterward with tar a short time afterward. Then the barn of Captain Banks, city marshal, was burned down, and Couch's residence would have suffered the same fate had not the fire been stopped by a brick par-tition. It had evidently been set on fire by some persons, and the Woodhams were charged with the crime and arrested. They ting away the garbage in New York City clears \$50,000 a year.

Unave defects have been discovered in the steel being used in the construction of their own house. On the purely circumstantial evidence of knowing them to be Trusters in California.

Truster isn't much doubt that Cape Cod segetting eaten up by the greedy sea, and n time will disappear.

Businer Willeria says that 'as long as be ledien by a party and the ledien of the Asylum for the Insane at Concord. The incarceration of the Woodhams did not stop the many incendiary fires. They seemed to increase. Finally one morning citizens were startled to hear that "Fat-ty" Parker and Miles Wilson had been arreated for stealing butter from Couch's store on Franklin street. They had also been charged with starting the many fires. The oridence poured in against them; and they were held for trial by the Supreme Court, and Parker com-mitted suicide in his cell. Then Wilson was tried, found guilty of all the crimes charged to the Woodhams, and sentenced to a long term in the State prison at Con-cord, where he now is. The unhappy couple would have been prisoners for years to come had it not been for efforts in their be-haif by Captain Atherton. He introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to have them set free at once. A commission

A Fortunate Accident.

PITTSBURGE, Pa., Jan. 4.—This morning he towboat Little Bill in attempting to pass through the narrow passage made by the lowering of some of the wickets at Davis Island Dam, struck one of the broken wickets and knocked it down, clearing the channel for a space of 200 feet. Boats are now passing through the open-ing made by the accident, and about 3,000,-000 bushels of coal will get out for shipment to Cincinnati and Louisville instead of 1,000,000 bushels as expected. No dam-age was done to the Little Bill by the lucky collision. The river is receding slowly with seven feet one inch in the

WASHINGTON, PA., Jan. 4.—The citizens of Zollarsville and vicinity are consideraof Simon Bane. Smoke was noticed sev-eral days ago issuing from the ground, and eral days ago issuing from the grant of the in order to ascertain its origin a number of neighbors assisted in making excavations. When only a few feet down the ground became so hot that the men had to quit digging. It is stated that to-day hot pieces of clay were thrown up and that the moke has become very dense,

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 4.-James T. Griffin, fifty-seven years old, acting post-master at Garland, Ala., was arrosted last night by Post-office Inspector Booth for riding mails. He has been under suspicion

Greasers Again Shaken Up. City or Maxico, Jan. 4.—An earthquake of three seconds' duration was felt last night at 8 o'clock in Mexicalan, Guerrero, and one of two seconds this morning at 8 o'clock in Fenancingo, in the same State.

Talmage Succeeds Beecher. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Rev. De Witt Tal-mage has accepted the chaplaincy of the Thirteenth Regiment, made vacant by the eath of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

New York, Jan. 4.—District Attorney Fellows said to-day that the first "bood-ler" case he will bring to trial will be that of Jacob Sharp. Dr. Loomis says that Sharp can not live very long, though he is just now feeling better than for some time

Mibilists Sentenced to Die. Br. Permanua Jan. 4.—A secret tri-bunal has condemned to death the Nihilist Tachernoff and seven other prisoners charged with an attempt on the Czar's life during his journey to the Don Cossack

Caught Rebbing the Mail.

BHELBY, O., Jan. 4.—Frank Huber, aged sixteen, clerk in the post-office here, was caught last night by Postmaster Kerr opening letters addressed to other parties. He has not yet been arressed, but the authorities at Washington have been notified. The boy admitted that this was not his first offense.

FREED FROM PRISON.

rightful Death of a Convict at the Ohio Penitentiary—Torn to Pieces by a Shaft.
COLUMPES, O., Jan. 5.—William P. Tedrck, a convict in the penitentiary, sent upfrom Guernsey County in 1886 for five
years for manslaughter, met a horrible
death in the prison to-day. While fixing a beit he was caught and whirled around the shafting, receiving injuries from which h died in a few minutes. He was standing on a ladder working, when his left arm was caught, carrying him up and around a number of times, and then the belt breaking, the grind-stone was thrown over, and the mangied body dropped to the floor. The left arm was torn from the body and remained fastened to the shaft, Dr. Martin was hastily summoned, and worked with the man for about twenty minutes, but without avail. The head wa omewhat bruised, the left arm torn from the body, a gash was cut across the abdo-men, the calf of the right leg torn open. and the right beel cut almost off. The unfortunate man's parents at Millersville, O. were notified.

People Missing.
CHATTANOGA, TENN., Jan. 5.—The mysterious disappearance of Frank Rawlins, who lives in this city, is giving his friends much uneasiness. He travels for a large wholesale house in the East, and came home to spend his holidays, but has not een seen for nearly two weeks. When he left home he was much depressed in spirits. Wm. Reardon, of Walker County, Ga., left this city a week ago last Saturday with about \$100 in his pockets for home. He has not been heard of since that time, and his relatives think he has been mu dered for his money. They have been searching for him for nearly a week.

Fatal Bridge Accident. ew central viaduct, now being construct ed and which connects the South Side with the city proper, fell this afternoon. It was long and eighty feet above the ground. A large car on which there was supplies was pushed off the end of the apan by accident, and in falling it knocked braces and boams out of place, and the span went also. There were eight work-men on the span when it fell. Two were

Not a Soul Saved. Loxpon, Jan. 5.—It is now known defi-nately that the vessel wrecked near Waterford, Ireland, was the American ship Al-fred D. Snow, Captain Wiley, which left San Francisco, August 31, for Liverpool. The ship was lost in Herrylock Bay, off Arthurstown, at the entrance to Waterford Harbor. The bodies of the captain and one of the crew have been recovered. There is no doubt that every member of the crew perished.

He Chained the Salety-Valve Down. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 5.—A beller at Worthle & Son's mills, Jonesbore, burst this afternoon, instantly killing Richard McIver (colored), fireman; seriously injur-ing Henry Dark and Peter McIver. The fireman had chained the safety-valve down to prevent the loss of steam, and filled the furnace full of pine knots. He was blown through a house, a distance of seventy-five feet, and his body torn to fragments

was appointed, and the investigation has away from the other buildings. structure was three stories, 300 feet by 75, At 2 o'clock the fire was under control. The building was completely gutted, the walls alone being left standing. The total loss will be about \$200,000.

Bishop's Residence Robbed.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 5.—Two burglars entered the residence of Bishop O'Farrell Tuesday night, and out of the room where the Bishop lay sleeping stole a gold watch and chain, a pentecostal cross studded with rubles and diamonds, and two amethyst rings. The servant girls were awakened, but were too much frightened to given an alarm.

Gladstone and the Pope.

Panis, Jan. 5.—A dispatch from Rome to Le Paris says: Gladstone having expressed a desire to see the Pope, the latter inti-mated that he would be delighted to meet the English statesman. Gladstone will be eccived by his Holiness with the cere He visitors are admitted to audience.

COLUMNUS, O., Jan. 5.—E. L. Harper, the bank wrecker now at the penitentiary, was informed this morning of the death of Baldwin, late cashier of the Fidelity. He expressed sympathy for the family of the deceased, and said: "Poor fellow! he didn't

do any thing wrong intentionally." Not II Carnot Can Help It.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 5.—According to diplomatic advices here, President Carnot has instructed Herbette, French Bmbassador at Berlin, to assure Emperor William that while he remains at the head of the Republic the French Government will not be permitted to adopt a warlike policy.

Ammi Baldwin Dead. CINCINNATI, Jan. 5 .- Animi Baldwin, late cashier of the Fidelity National Bank, of this city, died at his home on Wainut Hills of paralysis, aged fifty-eight years.

Fritz Doing Well.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Dr. Schmidt examined the Crown Prince again to-day, and reports favorably on his condition. The Prince has been compelled to remain indeors or account of the bad weather. It is report ed that the Crown Prince will go to Cairc

Janauschek Gets Damages. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 5.—In the U. S. Court here, Mme. Janauschek, the actress, was given a verdict against Henry Bull, jr., of Newport, for \$12,000 damages on account of injuries sustained by a fall in de-fendant's hotel.

Barb Wire Patent Declared Void. DURUQUE, IA., Jan. 5.—In the injunction all Barb Wire Company, of Manenester, he patent void on account of a prior use and want of uoveity. It is the plaintiff's first defeat.

Pittshunds, Pa., Jan. 5.—The natural gas companies of the Obio Valley, between Pittshurgh and Wheeling, have established a natural gas trust to secure an annitable adjustment of pates.

BERNAL KILLED.

Death of the Most Desperate Bandit on the American Continent.

Short, Desperate and Bloody Battle

NOBALES, ARIZ., Jan. 6.—News has just reached this city of the killing by Mexican troops of Eraclis Bernsl, the famous Mexi-can bandit. The troops capaged Bernal and some of his band in a fight near the town of Cosala, Binalos. The fight was short and but few were engaged on other side, but it was indeed a fight to the finish, and much blood was spilled. Early in the fight Bernal fell with bullets but his death at the head of his men, in-stead of causing them to falter, gave them renewed zest, and they fought with re-markable bravery and desperation. The Federal force, however, greatly outnum-bered the desperate bandits, and the troops won the day. After the battle the bulletperforated body of Bernal was picked up and taken to the town of Conala, where it is at present. People are flocking into the little town from every direction to look upon the re-mains of the most desperate bandit the American continent has ever produced. In the fight the mother of Bernal and three or four of his followers were taken prisoners, and lodged in jail at Cosals. There is little doubt that all of them will be summarily disposed of. There is intense excitement in every locality the news of the killing of Bernal has reached, and especially in the State of Sinales, where most of his decis of murder and robbery have been committed. It is at this writing impossible to get the full particulars, owing to the remotences of the locality where the fight took place and the fact that all the Government wires are kept so busy by the Govern-ment with official business regarding the affair, that it is almost im-possible to send or receive a message. It is not even known bow many troops were killed or wounded, nor can any esti-mate of the bandit loss be secured. It is thought, however, that the loss has beer very heavy on both sides. The country is now so overrun with bandits that grave fears are entertained that a continuation

of warfare by the bandits under a now Beginning of a Great Lawsuit. Washington, Jan. 6.—Five petitions have been sent to Washington from various iressed beef and cauning companies to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It is the beginning of a great lawsuit, involving millions of dollars in interest, which will be contested in the U.S. Supreme Court, and involve the constitutionality of the inter-State law. The individual damages cinimed by lossos in rebates since the en-forcement of the law amount to \$950,000, as follows: S. W. Allerton, \$53,000; Nelson Morris, \$100,000; P. D. Armour, \$200,000; G. H. Hammond, \$200,000; G. F. Swift,

A Coroner Assassinated. VIENNA, ILL., Jan. 6.-F. A. Boyt, coroner of Jackson County, was assassinated near here yesterday while riding along the public road. He was found lying in the road with a bullet hole in the back of his o'clock this morning at the Brooklyn briding. The strong of the Navy-yard, in the Navigation building. The had had a struggle with the strong that he has caused great excitement here, as he was not known to have any enemies.

A Ghastly Sight.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 6.—The hanging of Nathan B. Suffon at Oakland to-day for the murder of Alexander Martin was one of the most horrible spectacles in the history of California executions, as the man's head was nearly torn from the shoulders and blood poured forth in streams, presenting a ghastly sight.

Jacques Kruger's Good Luck. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6.—Comedian Jacques Kruger, buffo of a light opera company now here, has just been notified by his New York attorneys of the success-ful issue of a lawsuit long pending, by which he comes into possession of a valuable estate in France, and becomes Count de Cartier de la Bais.

A Mining Company's Suit.

Curcano Jan 6 - Suit for \$550,000 wa begun in the superior court by the Horn Silver Mining Company, against Augustus D. Byrams. This is one of a number of suits brought to make the directory re sponsible for a defalcation of \$450,000 by Charles C. Francklynd, former president

Life Convict Escapes. LINCOLN, NEB. Jan. 6 .- Harry Hall, a life convict at the State Penitentiary, escaped from that institution last evening, and is

supposed to have taken the Missour Pacific train south. He has been an inmate of the institution for several years, Eight Nibilists Hanged.

Loxpon, Jan. 6.-A telegram from Russian frontier states that eight Nihi ondemed to death for making an attemp upon the life of the Czar during the visit to the Den Cossack country, were hauged at

St. Petersburg January 2. Utica, N. Y., Jan. 6. Flora Samuels, the nother of a large family, and a dealer in groceries and jewelry, is missing from her home in this city. She is supposed to be in Canada, and is wanted here for forgery. Mrs. Samuels has also left debta behind her amounting to about \$5,000.

Fatal Political Quarrel. RICHMOND, Jan. 6.—Henry Moore and a man named Mullins became involved in a political discussion, in Nicholas County, In. Hard words were used, when Mu

Boiler Explosion. DECATUR, ILL., Jan. 6.—A fatal saw-mill explosion occurred near this place yesier-day, blowing the top of Joseph Hender-son's head off, killing him instantly. Several others were standing around, but none were injured except Henderson. The explosion was caused by a scarcity of water in the boiler.

Acquitted of Hi Husband's Murder.

ALLENTOWN, P4; Jan. 6.—A verdict of not guilty was re fored to-day in the case against Annie Bri kner, charged with the nurder of her husband.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

Between His Band and Troops.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—SENATE.—A number WARLINGTON, Jan. 4.—SENATE.—A number of petitions were presented and bills introduced. Among the latter was one by Mr. Brown, to abolish internal revenue taxation. The Senate took up the resolution for the distribution of the President's annual message, and Mr. Sherman delivered his tartif speech. He was followed by Mr. Voorhees and Mr. Teller. The pending resolution was not referred. The Blair educational bill was taken up, and at 2:30 p. m. the Senate adjourned, after five minutes of executive season. House.-The committees were not ready, and oils were introduced and referred, by unan-mous consent, until 4:50 p. m., when the House adjourned. Nine hundred and two bills and res-

jutions were introduced.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—SENATE.—The Presi WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—SENATE.—The Press
dent's message on Territorial affairs was presented and referred to the Committee on Indian
affairs. Bills were reported from this committee, and a number introduced by Senators.
Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Delph spoke in favor of a
naval station on the Pacific coast. Mr. Reagan
(Texas) opposed the Educational bill. At 4:20
p. m. the Senats went into executive session,
and at 5:10 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

Hotyse.—Bills were introduced until the announcement of the committees, after which an nonneement of the committees, after which an adjournment was taken at 1:10 p. m. until Mon-day next, to enable the committees to organize.

TEN WEEKS ASLEEP.

temarkable Case of Laura Webster, of San Francisco.
Ban Francisco, Jan. 8.—Laura Webster's long sleep, lasting over ten weeks, is at-tracting widespread attention here. Some physicians think it a case of catalopsy, but the condition of the girl is at times hardly like that of a person suffering from that disease. Yesterday morn-ing her sister, as usual, asked her what she wished to eat, and she mechanically said "ginger bread." This was given her with a glass of milk. Once the devoted i ster asked '-- "hat she wanted. "What have you!" Was ... - xj !!! "www... The sister told her. "Oh, I de... now: give me something to eat," answered Laura, with an expression of wearings, the first intelligent expression noticed from her since she was taken ill.

Family Lacerated by Dogs.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 8.—Thomas H. French, a prominent lawyer residing at No. 47 York street, his wife and Jenuio Young, aged eight, the child of a neighbor, were all frightfully bitten by two huge degs this afternoon. The animals were of unusual size and had at one time been owned by Mr. French. They were per-fectly decile, the children frequently, romping with them. To-day Jenvie was playing with them, when one of the degs becoming cross, fastened his teeth in her arm. Her screams brought in Mr. and Mrs. French to the reacue, when they were attacked and frightfully bitten in the face and limbs. The dogs were finally driven off, when it was found that the wounds inflicted were very painful and serious, though not supposed to be fatal.

LOUISVILLE, Kr., Jan. 8.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Trades and

Rome, Jan. S.—The Pope to-day received two thousand Spanish pilgrims. He afterward received Emperor William's envoy to whom he expressed the great pleasure with which he regarded the latest proof of the Emperor's affection, and the excellent relations existing between Germany and the Vatican.

Proposed Tenmerance Army, NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- At the meeting of

the Manhattan Temperance Association to-day Colonel R. S. Chevis, an ex-Confederate officer, made an appeal to Northera soldiers to join the soldiers of the South in a National movement to overthrow the Huntsman Killed.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Jan. 8 .- H. G. West, a prosperous young farmer of Clinton District, this county, was instantly killed yesterday while out rabbit hunting

He was standing on a large log when he alipped and the gun was discharged, the load passing through vital parts. JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The funeral of little Eddie Miller occurred to-day. In driving to the funeral his little sister, aged

eight years, opened the door of the carriage and fell out, the carriage passing over and crushing her thigh. -"And what would you do, Henry?" "And what would you do, Henry?"
asked a lady of her little nephew, who
had been assuring her of his unbounded
affection for her, "if your good aunt
were to die and your uncle were to
marry again?" "Why," replied Henery, without the slightest hesitation,
"I should go to the wedding of course."

Holden Dane

—Slight changes make great differences. Dinner for nothing is lots of fun, but you can not say as much of nothing for dinner

FASHION LETTER.

inscian-Like Winter Costumes, Combin-ing Cloth with Fur.-Pretty Novelties.

[New York Special Correspondence.] Winter costumes for visiting are Russian like in their combination of a lining only, but has become a portion of the dress, smuthating on underskirt and forming panels, vest, ficha or cape. The long-haired fluffy furs are used in these combinations, as well as the short seal-skin, beaver and astrakhon. as the short seal-skin, beaver and astrakon.
For instance, a terra cotta gown in German broadcioth has all the visible parts of the lower skirt covered with Alasks sabia. A scabreuse cloth made with a long recamier polonaise, has wide side panels of long black fox fur, while the natural lynk or rad fox furs are made use of by those who prefer light form on dark cloths. A green velvet coatume has the Bussian overdreas

Bussian overdress draped over what ap-pears to be an entire lower skirt of black lynx, but which, of course, is fur applied only to those portions of the skrt disclosed by the drapery. Silk setrakhan borders many of the new tailor - gowns and jackets. The latter are made much longer than the astrakhan trimmed jackets of last year. Roman red

though it be, renders it no only such contenues and properly be worn in conjunction with such a wrap, unless, of course, the ward-robe admits of a number of changes, and the "red coat" be one of many.

the "red coat" be one of many.

The most stylish winter cloaks yet brought out this season are the Russian redipgotes made variously of dark red, terra cotta, Russian green or golden brown broadcloth of superb quality. These cloaks reach quite to the foot of the skirt, covering the dress altogether, and are stately and recherds in effect. Black fox, bear skin or any of the low-haired shegry form are used to decorate them. The bic alcount are used to decorate them. The broadcloth fabrics are so heavy and worm that they require no linus. They are therefore fixed to the form with great perfection.

Braiding and gimps of finest silk are in Braiding and gimps of finest silk are in higher vogus than ever for elegant ga nitures. This effective trimming is a son upon every style of dress, from the nie y tai or gown to the most elaborate ball to let, where gold or silver braid is used with a lavish hand. Illustration is here given of a dainty and elegant Hungarian cost ume lightly descrated with braid. The bodice portion is doublibreasted, and the long straight drapery opens over a pettional

opens over a petticont of heavy eatin b oche in Arabesque patterna. The same designer is-sues a model of a din-

becoming, while re-taining some of the features of the old model. They are made of jersey cloth, camel's hair or striped flam-nel, and are comfortable and dressy to wear ever skirts of various kinds. Some of the new princess dresses of cloth are cut to fit the form like a glove on the front and sides, with all the fullness massed close at the back of the skirt. The fronts are absolutely plain and undraped, and are unadorned except upon the waist-por-tion, unless cords, medallions, gimps, laid on fist, or hraiding is chosen. Narrow bands of fur are seen upon very expensive gowns in this style, these fresh from Paris houses. Changeable velvet is much employed in making elegant dress wraps both long and short. New ulsters of English tweed for short. New unters of English tweel for utility purposes are decorated with leather collars and cuffs, shoulder pieces and leather buttons. Princess gowns of velves, corded silk or moire, are demi-trained for every wear, cut V shape in the neck, front and back, and draped with lace or net over the shoulders. The straight skirts are

skirt either 'eal or simulated.

Black corded silk of exquisite lister and finish is in high fashion once mere, replacing satin in favor. Many new costumes are made entirely of it, others are enriched by out jet appliques and ornaments, in rare and novel designs most beautiful to see. There is a great amount of fancy jewelry worn just now—jewelry that is a perfect contrast to the heavily-set, massive sort that was so long fashionable. New teagowns are out with flowing "angel" sleeves with close ores beneath of lighter fabric.

C. D. F.

-A Legal Opinion -- Visitor (describing a supposed case, in which his own is thinly disguised, to Unc' Cephas, who has a high reputation as a ne borhood philosopher) - "S'pose I wus to owe you two dollars' worf, an' you wuz to owe a man some money fo' w'ich you sent him after me, are I obleeged to pay him?" Une Cephas "I don't think a 'foresaid man can't t'lect another pusson's money when they owes him 'thout you great to it."

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Legislative Proceedings

Legislative Proceedings.

Frankfork, Dec. 30.—Senate.—LicuinnantGovernor Bryan celled the Senate to order at
noon. The newly elected members took the
oath of office and the Senate adjourned until
5 o'clock. At the adjourned session the follow-7
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ing offices were elected: Chief Clerk. Harry J.
Genn: Assistant Clerk. Wm. Cromwell: Sergeart-at arms. G. W. Cautle: Doorkeaper,
Joseph B. Read. The elected officers took the
oath of office. The rules controlling the Senate
daring the last session were by recolution declared to be the rules of this Senate until the
adoption of the report of the Committee on
Rules. The House was notified that the Senate
was organized and ready for business. The
Governor's message was read. Adjourned until to-morrow.

House.—The House was called to order atnoon by Clerk Green R. Keller. Ninety-cight
members responded at roll-call. New members
were then sworn in. The Clerk announced that
the seat of G. M. Davison, of Lincoln County,
was contested, but at present the only course
to pursue was to swear him in, which was done;
also the seat of W. Thomas Jones, of Jessamine, was contested. Mr. Jones, however, held
credentials, and took the oath. It was stated
that there would be a contest in the case of W.
J. O. Rardin, of Greenup, but he was permitted
to make the customary acknowledgements.
Benj. Johnson. (Dem.) was elected Spraker
over General S. S. Fry, of Boyle, (Rep.) by a
vote of 71 to 26. Both parties voted solidly
for their man. The other officers
elected were as follows: Cerk Green R. Kellar; Assistant Clerk, M. Shone: Doorkeeper,
Val. Dawson; Sergeant-at-Arms. Boh Tyler,
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FRANKFORT, Jan. 3.—SENATE.—The Speaker tamounced the standing committees. Pollowing are the chalument. On Arientore and Manufactures. Thes. 2. Grand on Appropriations R. G. Hayes; on Banks and Recursive. 7. H. McDannell; on Charitable Institutions. C. M. Chay, p. to. Chains, C. Terry; on Codes of Practice, W. M. Gootel; on Courts of Justice, W. W. Dickerson; on Education. A. L. Peserman; on Enrollments. A. R. Byers; on Executive Affairs, H. T. Kendall; on Federal Relations. W. M. Cravens; on Finance, F. T. D. Wallace; on General Statutes, D. H. Smith; on Immigration and Labor, John McCann; on faternal Improvements. A. S. Berry; on Judiciary, Geo. G. Gilbert; on Library and Public Buildings and Offices, L. W. McKeen; on Propositions and Grivances, Samuel T. Leavy; of Drivileges and Elections, D. W. Wright; on Fine Expenditures, T. L. Glenn; on Religion and Morals, F. D. Bigney; on Hailroads, M. C. Alford; on Pententiary and House of Reform, John D. D. Harris; on Ruies, the Speaker; on Military Affairs, R. B. Tripplett; on Sinking Fund. Sam E. English; on Public Health, B. F. Reynolds; on Retrenchment and Reform, W. F. Berry; on Fish Culture, W. F. Neat; on Printing, John E. Kemp. A groat many local bills were passed. House,—The House the General His morning with proyer by Rev. Mr. Favis, of the Southern Presbylerian Church, after which the Speaker announced the following Committee on Eules; Speaker Johnson, ex-officio Chaleman; J. J. Nesbitt, W. M. Reed, Hervey Myers, Gns. W. Richardson, W. T. Cox and Charles Blundford. Mr. Reed introduced a joint resolution iles over one day. The House then adjourned.

Frankfort, Jan. 4.—Errari.—A resolution was passed that a committee of cight—three from the Senate and five from the House—be sweeted to investigate the conduct of Judge Cole and ethers in that connection, which also lies over one day.

Lorr Assembly the afternoon a resolution was also adopted and careth, of this district, urging him to queryley favor the postal tolegraph movement. A resolution was also adopted and forwarded to Legislator Charleston of a bill prohibiting the empty of any but Union printers by the State printer.

Free Liquer the Order of the Day.

Shork Falls, Dax, Jan. 8.—The compact entered into between the Prohibitions and saloon men of this city to test the local ceptual was adoon men, who found they could not be arrested, prosecuted or enjoised understoned to the arrested, prosecuted or enjoised understoned to the Brasiliant and the state of the Dill Wing, were if maily be also men, who found they could not be arrested, prosecuted or enjoised understoned to the president kinds from the House than and the saloon men, who found they could not be arrested, prosecuted or enjoised understoned the present law. As the matternow stands it is free liquer and nobody's business.

Mongolians Turn Christians.

New York, Jan. 8.—Two Chinamen, Dan Lee and Pull Wing, were if maily and besulful admitted to the church on probability of the state of the dilly and besulful account of the president king up of the new yesterday tendered to the President king up of the new yesterday tendered to the President king up of the new yesterday tendered to the President king up of the new yesterday tendered to the President king up of the new yesterday tendered to the President king up of the new tenders of the features of the full biomes of the section of the features of the dill waist, made with pointed to report to enable the secretary tendered to the president king up of the new princes dresses, law the probable and device of the common of Tuosiday test, in order to enable the Secretary to close up some routine business.

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Frankfort, Jan. 5.—Senate—Bills introduced: Authorizing the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Raliroad Company to build
and operate its road, sue and be sued as other
raliroads in the State; requiring all trust
corporations to settle annualty their secounts;
providing that convicts shall be strictly worked
inside the walls of the pentientiary. Auditor
reported the expenses of Raliroad Commission
at \$12.000.00. Adjourned.

HOUSE—A resolution was offered abolishing
the office of Public Printer and Binder and letting the public printing to the lowest and best
bidder. A bill was introduced to have a court
of common pleas in Bell, Harian, Leslie, Whitley, Knox and Laurel Counties for the trial of
crofinary ouslness that now clogs the circuit
courts. Adjourned.

Frankfour, Jan. 6.—Senate.—Bills introduced: Incorporating Graves County Handing

News Items.

While hunting the other night Alex. Anderson, living north of Hopkinsville, had a pistol accidentally ac off in his pocket, the ball taking effect in his right arm, which, it is feared, is seriously injured, and can be used no more.

S. Caran Canowhil, has been acquifted of the charge of mardering James A. Huntar, of Nicholasville, on the ground of justifiable homicide.

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